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Teresa Smithers is shown at her Coloma home. She is writing a book about a murder case involving a distant relative. She says a 16-year-old boy was wrongly executed and that her great-great-uncle was the actual killer.

Righting a historical wrong

Coloma woman writing book about distant relative
she believes got away with murder in 1930

In 1931, Alexander McCay Williams, 16, became the youngest prisoner to be executed in Pennsylvania.

Having been convicted of murder in 1930, he is now believed to be innocent, and his record is in the process of being expunged.

At a recent luncheon at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, author and genealogist Teresa Smithers of Coloma got a chance to meet the boy's family and apologize on behalf of her family for the wrong done to him.

While researching her family history, Smithers began to suspect that her great-great uncle, Fred Robare, was the one who had murdered his wife,

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Vida B. (Kinnee) Robare.

Smithers was recognized at the event at Swarthmore College for her help in solving the 90-year-old murder. Vida, who had married Robare in 2016 in Schoolcraft, Mich., divorced him in 1921, then re-married him in 1922, was stabbed 47 times with an ice pick. Their marriage was tumultuous, Smithers said.

The Robares both were working at the Glen Mills School for boys in Pennsylvania at the time of the murder. Alexander Williams, a student there, became the focus of a police investigation. He at first denied any involvement but, after three days of intense questioning he wrote a confession.

William H. Ridley, the lawyer who had been unable to save his young client, is said by his descendants to have never gotten over it.

His great-grandson, college professor Dr. Samuel Lemon, was determined to find justice and contacted Smithers, who already thought her great-great uncle may have gotten away with murder. The two teamed up to begin searching for the truth.

Through her research, Smithers

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HP offers matching ad grant program

By HP STAFF

Paxton Media Group, publisher of The Herald-Palladium, has established a \$250,000 fund to help local businesses in the area get back to full strength by subsidizing their marketing through matching grants.

Area businesses can now apply for a grant to help them recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We realize this is a critical time for our business community, and we wanted to subsidize their marketing

through this grant," said David Holgate, publisher of The Herald-Palladium.

"As businesses begin to think about opening, even if it's on a limited basis, it's vital that they communicate with their customers. We want to be a resource for them to do that."

The fund is open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus, whether or not they are current advertisers.

Grant money can be used for local Herald-Palladium print newspaper advertising,

special product advertising and digital advertising between now and June 30, 2020. Grants are available for a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$5,000 of matching funds each month. For example, if a business is awarded a grant and spends \$200 in advertising, The Herald-Palladium will match with a grant of \$200 additional advertising dollars to equal \$400.

To apply for a dollar-for-dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at The-

HP.com. Click on the "Site Forms" link at the bottom of the home page, then click on the "Advertising Match Program" link. Or enter this url into your web browser: bit.ly/2wZek6q

The Herald-Palladium will respond within 48 hours.

"A community newspaper is only ever as strong as the community it serves. We know businesses and workers are hurting; we're hurting, too. But if we can pull together as a community, we can weather this," Holgate said.

BERRIEN COUNTY

Recovered patients exceeded new COVID-19 cases last week

County records 6 more deaths

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

The number of people who recovered from COVID-19 in Berrien County this past week was more than the number of new cases.

Berrien County added 53 positive cases from last Monday, but also in that time 57 people were listed as recovered.

The Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) reported Monday that there now have been 217 confirmed positive cases in the county, beyond the 208 positive cases reported Friday. Also, over the weekend the county gained 20 additional positive cases from Friday

to Monday.

Out of 217 confirmed positive cases, so far 146 people have recovered. That was an increase of 23 people from Friday's numbers.

The BCHD also reported two new deaths on Sunday. They were both women over the age of 75 with underlying medical conditions.

Those additional deaths bring the county's death toll to 14. Last Monday, the county stood at eight deaths.

BCHD officials have said the deaths are counted as being from COVID-19 only if the patients tested positive and the symptoms of the disease are what

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Ed Siemans dies at 88

Founder of auto dealership remembered
for his business acumen, sense of humor

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BRIDGMAN — Edward Siemans, remembered best for the well-known car dealership franchise in Southwest Michigan, died Friday at the age of 88.

Siemans leaves behind three sons — Jack, Craig and Eric — who remain active in the dealership business.

According to Eric Siemans, his father began Friday like he always does — by working.

"He was not the typical, flashy car dealer guy," Eric said Monday. "He was more of a family man. He always concentrated on his customers and employees. He's touched a lot of lives."

Siemans's affiliation with the region began in 1975 when he and his wife, Joan, moved to Bridgman after

buying the Dave Bauschke Ford dealership, at the time located next to the railroad tracks in downtown Bridgman.

They would go on to fall in love with what Southwest Michigan had to offer. Together, they founded Siemans Ford, starting out with eight employees.

In 1979, the Siemans bought land across from the Navajo Restaurant on Red Arrow Highway on the north side of Bridgman and erected a new building.

Three years after the expansion, they started Siemans Mazda on Niles Avenue in St. Joseph. In 1983, they added Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge.

Over the years, they also added the Pontiac, Daewoo, Isuzu and Eagle brands.

Siemans was lauded for his interactions with customers and staff.

This was also the case

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SIEMANS

Whitmer: Construction will be next sector to restart

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Monday she will allow commercial and residential construction to restart in Michigan within a week or two and is taking a "hard look" at whether to let industrial sectors reopen in the next phase of loosening her stay-at-home restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Democratic governor also said she will ask the Republican-led Legislature to lengthen her emergency declaration by 28 days before it expires late Thursday. A lawmaker-approved extension, she said, would keep in place liability protections for health care workers and first responders amid the outbreak. She noted she generally does not need legislative approval to continue exercising her emergency powers,

however.

"It's better for everyone if we work together to get this right," Whitmer said.

Michigan reported 92 additional deaths from COVID-19 and 432 more confirmed cases. Deaths surpassed 3,400; cases topped 38,000.

The number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not

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Paul Sancya / AP

Lauren Pawlowski shops for flowers at Ray Wiegand's Nursery in Macomb on Monday. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Friday extended and loosened what she said was among the country's strictest stay-home measures, letting businesses such as landscapers, lawn-service companies, plant nurseries and bike repair shops to resume operating.



Prison says 12th inmate has died of COVID-19

COLDWATER (AP) — A 12th inmate has died from COVID-19 complications at a southern Michigan prison where more than 50 percent of inmates have tested positive for the coronavirus, the Corrections Department said Monday. Lakeland prison in Branch County has a large share of the department's older prisoners and is the first to test everyone. The department said 785 of roughly 1,400 prisoners at Lakeland have tested positive. Only a fraction of all prisoners have been tested statewide, but the infection rate was 56 percent. There have been at least 33 deaths. The deaths include an 86-year-old man, Eugene Shingle, who was scheduled to be released on parole by May 19.

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killed them. Spectrum Health Lakeland reported on its website, www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/covid19, that, as of 9 a.m. Monday, there were 11 COVID-19 patients in the intensive care unit, compared to nine on Friday. Berrien County now has 165 presumed positive cases, compared to the 176 reported Friday. The decrease is from people being confirmed positive, or negative, through testing. The Benton Harbor and Berrien Springs ZIP codes still have the most cases, while the St. Joseph and Niles ZIP codes now have the next highest number

Despite the low rate of overall testing, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer described it as "robust." She said the parole board also is working quickly to get eligible people out of prison. Among staff, 254 have tested positive for the coronavirus and there have been two deaths, the department said. Separately, the American Civil Liberties Union filed a class-action lawsuit Sunday to try to force the release of immigrants with health problems at the Calhoun County jail. The jail has approximately 130 people who are being detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "Civil immigration detention should not be a death sentence," ACLU attorney Eunice Cho said.

of cases.

In Van Buren County, there are now 36 positive cases, a rise of just one case from Friday. Cass County gained two additional cases from Friday to Monday. Both counties still have two deaths a piece. As of Friday, eight people had recovered in Van Buren and three had recovered in Cass. The state and county health departments update the number of positive COVID-19 cases at about 3 p.m. each day. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus. Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vb.cassdhd.org/covid-19. *Contact: anewman@TheHP.com, 932-0357, Twitter: @HPANewman*

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Battle Creek police receive three drones to combat virus

By TRACE CHRISTENSON
Battle Creek Enquirer

BATTLE CREEK — Battle Creek police have three new airships to fight the coronavirus. Three drones from DJI Enterprise were recently delivered to the police department as part of the company's Covid-19 US Disaster Relief Program. The drones were provided free to the department for 90 days, the Battle Creek Enquirer reported. Two will be returned and the third donated to police. DJI is a Chinese company headquartered in Shenzhen, China and has offices in Los Angeles and Palo Alto California, Washington D.C. and New York. The drones are equipped with cameras, lights and loud speakers and can be used to monitor public spaces, spot unsafe activities and broadcast messages. Lt. Matt Robinson said the drones could be used to fly over areas where people are gathering and not following

state guidelines for proper social distancing and broadcast messages. "You have the ability to reach out to people and communicate with them without having face to face interactions," he said. "The idea is that anytime there is a big public gathering you can provide more information on the ground about what is going on." Police officers and other first responders are attempting to limit their contact with other people to slow the spread of the virus. Robinson said the drones can fly over large areas in less time than officers can patrol the same space. As an example, departments in Florida are using drones to fly over long stretches of beach to monitor gatherings and provide messages about social distancing. Adam Lisberg, corporate communication director for North America, said DJI designed the program to assist at disasters and the coronavirus pandemic is the first

effort. He said drones were sent to 43 agencies in the U.S. including Battle Creek police, the Kent County Sheriff Department and the Bloomfield Township Fire Department in Michigan. The program was designed for agencies with an existing certified program so the equipment can be used quickly without training and certifying new pilots. "We want to put the latest technology to work to make sure that you protect the people and protect the protectors," Lisberg said. "If the first responder doesn't have to be face-to-face with someone by keeping their distance it helps protect the officer or firefighter and the residents." Battle Creek officers routinely check for gatherings but have not encountered many groups, Robinson said. He added that an officer speaking to the group is enough to disperse them. But he is glad to have the drones available if needed. "Not knowing what tomor-

row will bring, it is nice to have the equipment," he said. "We are just trying to reinforce social distancing and we are getting compliance. With these we can get your voice closer to someone." The Battle Creek department was selected for the free drone program because it began using drones purchased from the company in 2018 and can immediately use the units. The machines have been used to map crime scenes and traffic crashes and assist officers searching for missing people. Robinson said he is pleased with their successful use. Once the pandemic is over and large events resume, like the Cereal Festival, Robinson said the officers can monitor large areas. The drone with the speaker could be used to negotiate with a barricaded gunman without putting officers at risk. He said five officers are trained as pilots and he believes that drones will become more prevalent in the department.

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been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected with the virus without feeling sick. "Those of you who have taken this seriously over the past seven weeks, you have saved countless lives," Whitmer said. "In the coming weeks, we will continue reengaging sectors of our economy and putting more Michiganders back to work." Operations to be reopened besides construction include "outdoor enterprises." Whitmer did not elaborate at her news conference, which also featured remarks from two of nearly 30 business, health care and other leaders who are advising the governor on how to safely restart the economy. The advisers said they split Michigan into eight work regions. Low-, medium- and high-risk sectors will be allowed to reopen in each region based on the pandemic's risk levels: urgent, stabilizing and recovery. Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, the state's chief medical executive, cautioned that the rise in infections is increasing, not slowing, in several regions. Whitmer's Michigan Economic Recovery Council is working with occupational health experts at the University of Michigan who have assigned "risk scores" to each of nine types of work: office, industrial, health care, retail, restaurant and lodging, schools, construction, outdoor and others. Gerry Anderson, executive chairman of DTE Energy, said employers will have to check for symptoms, increase social distancing, and intensify sanitation and hygiene practices. "Masks will be ubiquitous in almost every workplace in Michigan," he said. "Gloves and face shields will be in widespread use as well. The ability to contact trace within the workplace and then to isolate any positive cases is going to be an essential skill for every employer."

Michigan had about 180,000 construction workers in March, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. It was not immediately clear how many have lost work due to the pandemic, though road projects were allowed to continued under Whitmer's stay-home orders. Jeff Wiggins, director of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan, estimated that 70 percent to 80 percent of construction work has been halted, delayed or canceled. Wiggins, who wants Whitmer to let workers return to construction no later than Friday, expressed disappointment that she did not act Monday. He said builders who are exempt from the

order have taken safety measures such as social distancing and eliminating the use of tools by multiple workers. "Gov. Whitmer's delay in allowing our industry's hardworking men and women to return to work continues to devastate Michigan's blue-collar families," he said. The governor on Friday extended and loosened what she said was among the country's strictest stay-home measures. The order is in effect through May 15. Starting Monday, people had to wear a face covering in enclosed public spaces such as grocery stores. All businesses and operations with in-person workers were required to give them a



AP file photo
Gov. Gretchen Whitmer addresses the state during a speech in Lansing on Monday. Whitmer said she will allow commercial and residential construction to restart within a week or two.

non-medical grade mask. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel urged police to be lenient on employers that take "good-faith efforts" to secure masks but have trouble because of limited supplies.



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Defense not ignored by Bears in draft

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
Associated Press

The Chicago Bears drafted a big tight end and a speedy receiver. They didn't ignore their defense, either.

How big a jolt they gave themselves won't be known for awhile. But general manager Ryan Pace insisted they are in a better spot after a disappointing season.

"That was the goal, right? To strengthen our team and we'll come out of this whole offseason process better," he said. "We definitely feel like we've improved our team."

The Bears were busy on Saturday, adding a pair of fifth-round picks to go with the one they already had.

The Bears traded a 2021 fourth-rounder to Minnesota to take Tulsa defensive end Trevis Gipson in the fifth round at No. 155 overall, hoping he can develop into a threat on the edge. They grabbed Georgia Southern cornerback Kindle Vildor eight picks later.

They acquired a third selection in the round when they traded up with Philadelphia to draft speedy Tulane receiver Darnell Mooney at No. 173. They spent their final two picks on offensive linemen, taking Colorado's Arlington Hambright at 226 and Tennessee State's Lachavious Simmons at 227.

RETOOLING

The Bears have been busy coming off an 8-8 season. The Monsters of the Midway went in with Super Bowl hopes after winning the NFC North at 12-4, only to miss the playoffs for the eighth time in nine years.

They acquired former Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles from Jacksonville to compete with quarterback Mitchell Trubisky after the former No. 2 overall pick struggled in his third season. They also signed five-time Pro Bowl tight end Jimmy Graham and former All-Pro pass rusher Robert Quinn.

Chicago was a first-round spectator in the draft for the second year in a row after sending the picks to Oakland for Khalil Mack prior to the 2018 season. Once it was their turn to pick, the Bears wasted no time taking a tight end, drafting Notre Dame's Cole Kmet at No. 43 before selecting Utah cornerback Jaylon Johnson at No. 50.

"He's the total package," coach Matt Nagy said of Kmet. "We were joking he's like RoboCop. He can block. He can catch. He can do a lot of good things."

WHO THEY GOT

A late bloomer at Tulsa with an explosive first step, the 6-foot-3, 261-pound Gipson will line up as an outside linebacker with the Bears.

He gained 60 pounds in college and went from four sacks as a junior to eight as a senior. He's looking forward to playing with Mack.

"He's one of my favorite players," said Gipson, whose father played basketball at Texas. "He's one of the guys I try to model my game after."

A gifted athlete who can lock onto a receiver, Vildor had two interceptions and six pass breakups as a senior despite being slowed in

October by an ankle injury he said is now fine.

Mooney ran a 4.38 40-yard dash at the combine and showed a knack in college for turning short throws into huge gains. But at 5-10, there are concerns about his size. He also had issues with drops. And his yardage dropped from 993 as a junior to 713 even though he had the same number of receptions (48) both seasons.

The 6-5, 300-pound Hambright was honorable mention All-Pac-12 at left tackle as a graduate transfer playing under former Bears defensive coordinator Mel Tucker at Colorado. He previously played at Garden City Community College and Oklahoma State, and could wind up at guard in Chicago. Simmons, 6-5 and 290 pounds, was a tackle and guard in college and started all 12 games last season for a team that averaged 400 yards.

HOW THEY DID

The Bears addressed the tight end problem by signing Graham and drafting Kmet.

The question is how much Graham has left after getting released by Green Bay and whether Kmet — a Bears fan growing up in the Chicago suburbs — can deliver for his hometown team.

Chicago's tight ends combined for 395 yards and none had more than 91 all last year.

SURPRISE MOVE

The Bears not trading into the third or fourth round was a little surprising. But there were no stunning moves by Chicago in this draft.



Carlos Osorio / AP

The Detroit Lions picked Notre Dame defensive lineman Julian Okwara in the third round of the NFL draft.

Lions addressed needs and drafted RB too talented to skip

By **LARRY LAGE**
Associated Press

The Detroit Lions addressed pressing needs on offense and defense, took a running back too talented to pass up and bolstered one of their strongest position groups.

Lions general manager Bob Quinn said he hopes his fifth NFL draft with the franchise proves to be his best.

"We have playmakers on both sides of the ball and on special teams," Quinn said. "The draft is an inexact science. I wish I batted 1.000 — our record would be a lot better."

The Lions are 27-36-1 in four years under Quinn, who is under pressure to win. So is coach Matt Patricia going into his third season.

Detroit began the three-day draft by taking Ohio State cornerback Jeff Okudah third overall, a pick the defensively challenged team was expected to make Thursday night. The team ranked last against the pass last season and traded Pro Bowl cornerback Darius Slay.

The Lions made a slightly surprising selection early in the second round, taking D'Andre Swift. The Georgia running back and All-Southeastern Conference player may be worth the No. 35 pick overall, but with Kerryon Johnson on the roster it was not a choice the team was projected to make Friday night.

After ranking No. 31 on defense last season, Detroit signed three veterans to join linebackers Jarrad Davis

and Christian Jones. It also added third-round pick Julian Okwara of Notre Dame to the group and made him teammates with his brother Romeo, who plays defensive end in the Motor City.

GROUND GAME

Quinn and Patricia showed their commitment to the running game by taking offensive guards with consecutive picks in the middle of the seven-round draft, and the Lions also drafted two running backs.

"We want to improve the running game for sure," Quinn said. "That would help our team on multiple levels."

Detroit took Ohio State guard Jonah Jackson, an All-Big Ten player, in the third round with a pick acquired from Philadelphia as part of the Slay trade.

"Of the Senior Bowl guys, he's the one guy we fell in love with," said Quinn, whose coaching staff led one of the teams at the showcase for NFL prospects.

The Lions selected Kentucky guard Logan Stenberg after trading down in the fourth round as part of a deal with the Las Vegas Raiders on Saturday.

The rookie guards will be part of a competition to start in place of Graham Glasgow, who left to sign as a free agent with Denver.

"I'll tell you what my best asset is: I'm a nasty player," said Stenberg, an All-SEC lineman.

PLANNING AHEAD

Perhaps looking ahead to

2021, the Lions took speedy Wisconsin receiver Quintez Cephus in the fifth round.

Veteran receivers Kenny Golladay, Marvin Jones and Danny Amendola are entering the last season of their contracts.

Cephus was selected with the second pick Detroit received from the Eagles for Slay.

CATCHING A FLYER

The Lions took New Mexico State running back Jason Huntley in the fifth, likely envisioning him as an option as a kickoff returner and elsewhere on special teams.

He ran the 40-yard dash in 4.3 seconds at his pro day.

LAST CALL

Utah defensive tackle John Penisini, a sixth-round pick, will have an opportunity to earn a spot on the team behind newly signed veterans Danny Shelton and Nick Williams.

Penisini acknowledged he was stunned to be selected midway through the sixth round.

Detroit closed its draft with a third player from Ohio State, defensive tackle Jashon Cornell, in the seventh round.

BIG PICTURE

Coming off a three-win season and with a mandate of sorts from ownership to contend for the playoffs, Quinn and Patricia will have more job security if Okudah proves to be worth being the third cornerback taken No. 3 overall since 1967.

Kenseth back to NASCAR as Larson replacement at Ganassi

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Former NASCAR champion Matt Kenseth will again come out of retirement to compete for Chip Ganassi Racing as the replacement for fired driver Kyle Larson.

Larson lost his job two weeks ago for using a racial slur while competing in a virtual race.

Although Ganassi development driver Ross Chastain was assumed to be the leading contender to replace Larson in the No. 42 Chevrolet, the team instead announced Monday it will go with the two-time Daytona 500 winner.

Kenseth is in a class of drivers that includes Hall of Famers Dale Earnhardt,

Jeff Gordon, Richard Petty and David Pearson as the only competitors to win a Cup Series championship, rookie of the year award and the Daytona 500.

Ganassi said the team will petition NASCAR for a waiver to make Kenseth, the 2003 Cup champion, eligible to race for the title this season.

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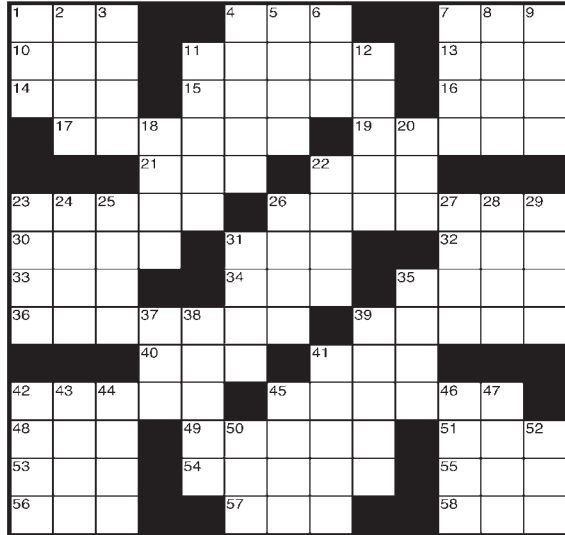
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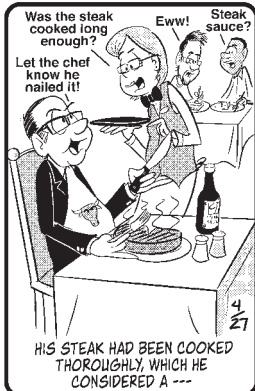
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Answer: The company's new facility for producing granite and marble countertops was — CUTTING EDGE

BRIDGE

Hesiod, an ancient Greek poet, wrote, "Observe due measure, for right timing is in all things the most important factor."

Timing is critical in so many areas: a bat-and-ball game, music and the dance come to mind immediately. Bridge should also be included. The timing with which the tricks are played can decide whether a contract glides home or trips up.

In today's deal, how should South play in four hearts after West leads the spade five?

When in a suit contract, always count potential losers first. Here, declarer has two diamond losers for sure, and potential losers in each black suit.

At first glance, from the low-spade lead, it looks

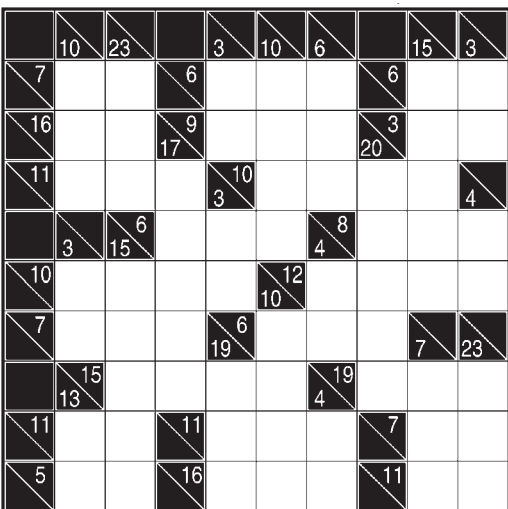
as though the finesse will win, leaving the contract safe. Also, even if the spade finesse loses, South can still establish a diamond trick to discard his club loser.

But it isn't so easy. Consider the timing — the sequence of plays. If the spade finesse loses, East, if in midseason form, will switch to a club. Then declarer won't have the time to set up a diamond trick. The defenders will establish a club trick first and take one spade, two diamonds and one club.

However, suppose South puts up the spade ace at trick one, draws trumps using honors in his hand and leads a diamond. How can the opponents hurt him? They can't; he will have time on his side. They will get one spade

North		04-27-20	
♠	Q 10 9		
♥	J 5		
♦	A Q J 10 2		
♣	K 9 8		
West		East	
♠	5 3	♥	8 7 2
♥	Q 9 6 4 2	♦	A K 10 7
♦	8 4	♣	9 5 3
♣	7 6 4 2	♠	A Q 5
South			
♠	A K J 6 4		
♥	8 3		
♦	K 7 6		
♣	J 10 3		
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♣	All Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 4			

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 4/27

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

1	8	2	9	8	5	7
2	9	8	8	2	1	9
3	9	8	9	6	7	2
4	9	8	9	7	9	1
5	2	1	8	3	9	7
6	2	9	9	8	6	9
7	3	9	8	6	7	2
8	4	1	3	2	8	2
9	2	8	7	9	8	3

Difficulty Level ★★☆☆

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆								
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6	7		3			1		
			5	4				
4			6		2	1		
9		2	7	8	1		6	4

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
1	9	3	7	8	6	5	2	4
2	7	6	5	1	4	8	9	3
8	5	4	9	3	2	1	6	7
7	3	1	8	5	9	6	4	2
6	4	9	2	7	1	3	5	8
5	8	2	6	4	3	7	1	9
4	1	8	3	2	5	9	7	6
3	6	5	4	9	7	2	8	1
9	2	7	1	6	8	4	3	5

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING APR. 28								
	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	The Con-ners (N)	Bless This M.	mixed-ish (N)	black-ish (N)	For Life "Switzerland" (N) (S)		
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS The team investi-gates an F-18 crash.		FBI A family member wants OA's help.		FBI: Most Wanted "Grudge" (N) (S)		
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Holly-wood	Ellen's Game of Games (N)		Ellen's Game of Games (N) (S)		New Amsterdam (S) (DVS)		
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	The Masked Singer (S) (DVS)		Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) (S)		
PBS (34)	Steves' Europe	Secrets of the Dead (N) (S)		Inside the Vatican Daily life at the Vatican.				
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	The Flash Eva makes a bold move.		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) (S)		News	Seinfeld (S)	
MNT (50)	Family Feud (N)	Chicago P.D. "Fagin" (S) (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Life Is Fluid" (S)		Chicago P.D. "Natural Born Storyteller"		
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	The Flash Eva makes a bold move.		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) (S)		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	
WHME (46)	:00 Heart-land	Heartland (S) (DVS)		Highway to Heaven (S)		Nightly News		
WGN (9)	News	black-ish (S)	black-ish (S)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) (S)		
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48: Catching a Killer (N) (S)		The First 48 "Snatched" (N)		Accused: Guilty or Innocent? (N) (S)		
AMC	5:30 Eraser	*** Jumanji ('95) Robin Williams. A sinister board game puts its players in mortal jeopardy.			Perfect Storm			
Animal	Bu. Peo	Bush People		Bush People		Homestead Rescue		
BET	6:00 *** ATL ('06) (S)			*** Madea's Family Reunion ('06)				
Big Ten	:00 College Football (S)			College Football From May 11, 2019. (S)				
Bravo	Vander-pump Rul	Vanderpump Rules (S) (N)		Vanderpump Rules (N) (S)		Family Karma (S)		
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American	
Cinemax	Cast Away	*** Friday Night Lights Thornton, Derek Luke. (S)			*** The Mustang ('19) (S)			
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	
CNBC	CNBC	Shark Tank (S)		Shark Tank		The Profit (N) (S)		
CNN	OutFront	Erin Burnett OutFront		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch (N) (S)						
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven	Just Roll	Gabby	Coop	
DIY	Off Grid	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	
ESPN	:00 MLB Baseball							
ESPN2	The Unde-feated	Undef.	Serena Williams					2020 NFL Draft (N)
ESPNc	Football	College Football From Dec. 24, 2003.			College Football			
Food	Chopped	Chopped (S)		Chopped (N) (S)		Supermarket		
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) (S)		The Ingraham Angle		
Fox Sports	Tennis	Detroit Pistons Classics Game 5. (N)					Spartans	
Freefrm	5:30 *** The Blind Side ('09)	*** Grown Ups ('10, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Chris Rock. (S)						
FX	Daddy's Home 2	*** The Expendables ('10, Action) Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham. (S)			*** The Expend-ables 2 ('12)			
Golf	Skill	Golf's Greatest Rounds (S)				Golf's Greatest		
Hallmark	Surprised by Love	The Perfect Bride ('17, Romance) Pascale Hutton, Kavan Smith. (S)			Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
HBO	:00 *** Slumdog Millionaire ('08) Dev Patel. (S)	Autism: A Sequel		Hobbs & Shaw	REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel (N)			
History	Oak Is	Drilling Down		Curse-Island		Lost Gold-WWII		
HGTV	Love-List	Bargain Mansions		Bargain Mansions		Hunters	Hunt Intl	
Learning	7 Little	Little People, World		Little People, World		7 Little Johnstons		
Lifetime	Faith in the F	*** Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family ('11) Tyler Perry, Shad "Bow Wow" Moss. (S)					Abducted Story	
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		
MTV	Catfish	Teen Mom OG (N)		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	
NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Bulls Classic				Postgame Insd.		
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Mock Draft Live		A Football Life		A Football Life		
Nick	Sponge.	Danger	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero		Port Protection		Port Protection		
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. (S)		Chicago P.D. (S)		Chicago P.D. "Forget My Name" (S)		
Parmt	Two Men	*** Coming to America ('88) Eddie Murphy. (S)					Trading	
Showtime	6:10 Hustlers	Ray Donovan "A Mouth Is a Mouth"		Escape at Dannemora (S)		Penny Dreadful: City of Angels (S)		
Starz	:22 *** Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance ('11, Action) (S)			Outlander "Mercy Shall Follow Me"		:01 *** Whiteout ('09) (S)		
STZENC	:16 *** The Sandlot ('93) Thom-as Guiry, Mike Vitar. (S)			*** Are We There Yet? ('05) Ice Cube, Nia Long. (S)		The River Wild ('94)		
SyFy	6:30 *** Constantine ('05) Keanu Reeves. (S)			*** Fast & Furious ('09, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. (S) (DVS)				
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. (N)	
TCM	*** Horror Hotel	*** Shaft ('71, Crime Drama) Richard Roundtree, Moses Gunn. (S)			*** The Super Cops ('74) (S)			
TMC	Last Ac-tion Hero	*** Total Recall ('90) Arnold Schwarzen-ger, Rachel Ticotin. (S)			*** Beowulf ('07, Adventure) (S)			
TNT	Break Up	*** Knocked Up ('07) Seth Rogen.			The Break-Up			
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures (N) (S)		Ghost Nation (N)				
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	One Day	Two Men	Two Men	
USA	Law & Or-der: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	
WGN-A	:00 *** Gravity ('13, Drama) Sandra Bullock. (S)			*** Gravity ('13, Drama) Sandra Bullock, George Clooney. (S)				

Wife laughs off man’s pleas to end their long marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem I can't fix. I have been married for 54 years. For the last 20 we have slept in different bedrooms. I get no affection from my wife, and everything has to be her way. We no longer have anything in common except our children and grandchildren who, for the most part, come to me only when they need something.

Over the years, we have drifted apart, and there is no longer anything we enjoy doing together. I have told her many times that for my mental health we should part ways. She laughs and shrugs it off. Basically, to her I am a paycheck.

She thinks we don't have a problem. Her parents lived pretty much the same way. I need someone who will sit with me when we go out to dinner, hold hands in public, have a couple of similar interests, share the same bed, etc.

I have met a woman online who seems to care and who wants to be with me. I haven't followed through, but every time I'm verbally abused, it's pushing me more and more toward her. Help. – Unhappy In Pennsylvania

DEAR UNHAPPY: Tell your wife you are making an appointment with a licensed marriage and family therapist to discuss your

marital situation. It may be the wakeup call she needs to get her to quit laughing and pay attention to the fact that you are seriously unhappy. Ask her to go with you, but if she refuses, follow through and go without her. It may help you emotionally as you disengage from this marriage.

If you do end the marriage, recognize there will have to be a fair distribution of any assets that accumulated and be prepared to discuss your options with more than one lawyer. A word of caution, however: Do NOT immediately rush into a romantic relationship with someone you know only through the internet. It is crucial that you take the necessary time to detoxify and regain your balance after you exit this marriage.

DEAR ABBY: My mom passed away a year and a few months ago. My parents were married for 38 years.

Dad started a whirlwind romance with a lady about nine months after Mom's death. Their relationship lasted three months, and they were supposed to get married. She blindsided him by breaking the engagement a month before the wedding. The breakup was because she still has feelings for an ex-husband and had nothing to do with my dad.

He keeps talking to her "as a friend," but he is miserable because he's in love with her. Ever since the breakup, she gets nasty and criticizes him about small things. She is not even a good

friend.

I want my father to be happy and find someone who will love him. But he continues to call and text this woman, even though it makes him sink deeper into depression every day. He keeps thinking she'll take him back, but I don't see it happening. How can I convince Daddy to cut off all contact with her? – What's Best For Dad In Georgia

DEAR WHAT'S BEST: I'm not sure you are the person to do that. It might be better to enlist the aid of a male relative or close friend – someone who knows what has been going on. Your father might be more receptive to that message if he hears it from a contemporary. If not, he may have to learn his lesson the hard way.

DEAR READERS: For those of you having trouble coping with stress and anxiety during this challenging time, Jack Drescher, M.D., respected psychiatrist, psychoanalyst and member of the American Psychoanalytic Association, contacted me offering a resource for emotional health matters related to the coronavirus crisis. For more information, go to psychology today.com/us/blog/psychanalysis-unplugged-0. – Love, Abby

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Wife doesn't trust partner with baby care

HI, CAROLYN: My wife and I have a healthy and happy 11-month-old little guy. I gave birth to him and she is staying home with him.

My problem is that it feels like she doesn't trust me with him. She constantly hovers and tells me what to do. It's frustrating because not only is this my child, too, and I have pretty good instincts about what he needs, but also because I was a nanny for many years and have a degree in developmental psychology. So, I definitely don't lack the credentials.

Sometimes I just let her say her thing and leave it at that. But sometimes what she demands I do is very unreasonable – for example, not to bathe him when she's not there. I get angry then and tell her to please trust me. Then she gets upset because I don't do what she wants me to do.

I think we're emotionally too involved. Can you give me a good line I can calmly say that is nice and appreciative, but firm? – Not Trusted

NOT TRUSTED: I don't think this is a good-line-to-fix-it-all problem. Unless she magically responds to: "I am his parent – not his deputy parent."

I also don't think you are *both* "emotionally too involved." You are responding to the fact that her fears are interfering with your bond with your baby! That's utterly valid, and your level of concern about this sounds exactly right. (Though expressing that through anger can't help, which I'll get to in a second.)

So please treat this as an emotional problem your wife has that is already serious, and has the potential to become more so if you don't treat it as such.

I suggest a two-pronged approach. First, put yourself in the position to care for the baby solo on a regular basis. Agree on a schedule that includes activities that take your wife out of the house solo at least once or twice a week – or, parental bliss, where you take the baby out for an activity and your wife has the home to herself. Both elements of this are key: You with baby alone, and on a regular basis. She will likely resist this but hold firm. You're no less this child's parent than she is.

Plus, parents need breaks. It'll be healthier for her to keep/re-establish the part of herself that isn't an extension of marriage or family.

Second prong, professional mental health care. If she won't get evaluated for anxiety and/or depression, then you go to a family therapist or parenting course and ask her to come with you. Your binary ignore-it-or-get-angry tactics introduce alienation while leaving the core problem intact. Anger especially means you're bottling up till you can't help reacting vs. responding with care and purpose.

In fact, till you get help, please make this your mantra: "I am [Baby's] parent." Calmly, firmly, as you continue doing your parenting job.

RE: CALMLY: I suggest a whole range of nice, calm lines: "Thanks, I've got this." "I'll think about that next time." "I need to finish this up before I can talk about that." "We're fine. I've bathed babies." Your own confidence that you have the right to say and do these things is the key.

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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Intimidate
 - 4 Not hard
 - 8 Slow trot
 - 11 Stout
 - 12 Anecdotal knowledge
 - 13 Tennis ace – Lendl
 - 15 Jellyfish abode
 - 16 Like
 - 17 Hay storage unit
 - 18 Subway fare, once
 - 20 Simple dessert (hyph.)
 - 21 Potato st.
 - 23 Offer
 - 24 Pork selection
 - 27 Unhearing
 - 29 Engage in rivalry
 - 32 Woodwind
 - 33 Kiosk buy, slangily
 - 34 Kind of poem
 - 35 Found a perch
 - 36 Ill temper
 - 37 Little creek
 - 38 Field

- 39 "— never fly!"
- 40 Bad day for Caesar
 - 41 Big sizes
 - 42 Attack word
 - 44 Sleeper's sound
 - 47 Defeated one
 - 51 Catamount
 - 52 Obi-Wan, for one
 - 55 Yes, in Kyoto
 - 56 An apple — — —
 - 57 Baja water
 - 58 Batting stat
 - 59 Hesitations
 - 60 Disposition
 - 61 — Moines

- DOWN**
- 1 Lure trout
 - 2 Butter substitute
 - 3 Not strong
 - 4 Veld grazer
 - 5 Fine, to NASA (hyph.)
 - 6 Delhi honorific
 - 7 Craving
 - 8 Matched

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 9 Watermel-on shape
- 10 Boldness
- 14 Recent (pref.)
- 19 Berlin article
- 20 Skippy rival
- 22 Lets in
- 23 Cream cheese partners
- 24 Lounge around
- 25 Stage award
- 26 Greek letter
- 28 Titled man
- 29 Abyss
- 30 Run in neutral
- 31 Ocean dwellers
- 37 Puerto —
- 39 Seine moorage
- 41 Dental photos (hyph.)
- 43 Greek epic
- 44 Hot spring
- 45 Undressed
- 46 Sharif or Bradley
- 48 Trawler's haul
- 49 Overhang
- 50 Tractor-trailers
- 52 Pack tightly
- 53 Vanity
- 54 Laurel and Hardy

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

OBITUARIES

Eleanor Jewel Smith

Aug. 3, 1945 – April 9, 2020

Eleanor Jewel Smith, was born in Portageville, Mo., on Aug. 3, 1945, to the union of Velma and Ollie Price of St. Louis.



Jewel married A.D. Smith Jr. on Aug. 17, 1963, in Benton Harbor. To this union seven children were born.

Jewel passed away at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph, on April 9, 2020, due to a long illness.

Jewel will be missed by many. She had a beautiful personality and a loving spirit, which drew so many to her.

Jewel leaves precious memories in the hearts of her children and siblings, Lenora and Leslie Richmond of Benton Harbor, Marcia Davis of Benton Harbor, Shelia and Byrant Smith of Nashville, Tenn., Rolanda and John Russell of Alexandria, La., Car-

la Miller of Battle Creek, Mich., and Angela Coakley of Grand Rapids, Mich.; older brother, Ollie James Price of Detroit; and younger brother, Micheal Price of Kalamazoo.

Jewel also leaves to cherish her memories 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; a host of nieces, nephews and family; aunt, Gladys Buckner of Benton Harbor; and a special friend, Willa Beene Brown of Columbia, Md.

Jewel is preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Allan Darryl Smith; grandson, James Price Jr.; great-granddaughter, Kenya Tatum; brothers, Tyrone C. Price, Wyman Price, Donnie Price, Jerry Price, Kenneth Price, Stanley Price and Marvin Price; and sisters, Sheldia Shepherd and Bernice Price.

Barbara Baker

Nov. 28, 1939 – April 24, 2020

Barbara Baker, 80, of Watervliet died Friday, April 24, 2020, at The Willows Assisted Living in St. Joseph.

Barbara's life began Nov. 28, 1939, in Manila, Ark. Barbara spent most of her life in Watervliet, where she worked at Rexall for a time and also ran the cosmetology counter at Walgreens.

She loved filling her time working in her flower gardens. Barbara loved her church family and was a very active member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Watervliet until health issues got in her way.

Barbara's greatest love was her family, which includes five children, Brenda Langston of Texas, James (Cheryl) Baker of Berrien Center, Susan (Ron) Schaefer of Nevada, Karen West



of Watervliet and Phyllis (Tim) Baldwin of Watervliet; numerous grand-, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren; a brother, John Shipley; and many nieces and nephews.

Her loving husband, Robert Baker; a son, Robert Baker; son-in-law, John West; parents, Homer and Ethel (Broglin) Shipley; stepmother, Geneva Shipley; and siblings, Makie, Ruby, Dennis, Wayne and Harold, preceded Barbara in death.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet is assisting Barbara's family with cremation. When we are able to gather safely, Barbara's family will celebrate her life.

Leave a message of comfort for Barbara's family online at www.hutchinsfuneral.com.

Walter C. Ignatovich

Feb. 2, 1927 – April 25, 2020



On Saturday, April 25, 2020, Walter C. Ignatovich, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, was called up to his heavenly Father at the age of 93. He resided at the Whitcomb Senior Living Community for the past four and half years after selling his home of 40 years in Stevensville.

Walter "Walt" was born on Feb. 2, 1927, to Christ and Alma (Mashke) Ignatovich in Benton Harbor. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1945. He proudly served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1945-1948. He was called back to active duty in 1949 to serve for another three years as a mechanic and radio operator. His status as a veteran of the United States Armed Services was very important to him and he celebrated all the veterans and those currently serving each and every year. Walter met the love of his life, Zula Muneke, when he was stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. They were married in Montgomery on Dec. 19, 1947. They were married for 68 years before Zula's passing in January of 2015. They had two daughters, Suzanne Ignatovich (1950) and Carol Ann (1954).

Walter was preceded in death by his parents; and his siblings and their spouses, Bill and Lillian (Ignatovich) Geike, Edward and Anne (Kebeschull) Ignatovich and Alvin Bahm.

He is survived by his sister, Ruth (Ignatovich) Bahm; brother, Arthur Ignatovich; along with many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his two daughters and son-in-laws, Ted and Suzanne (Ignatovich) Curro and Glenn and Carol (Ignatovich) Guest; seven grandchildren: Benjamin (Kate) Powell, Matthew Mazurk-

iewicz, Eric (Danica) Powell, Tina Mazurkiewicz-Carter, David (Katie) Powell, Lucy (Bryan) Bennett and Karen (Brendon) Hampton; and 10 great-grandchildren: Elise, Maeve, Micah, Cora, Aaliyah, Annalee, Colby, Emma, Kendall and Elijah.

Walter retired from the Whirlpool Corporation after 35 years in several positions, with most years spent as order administrator for the Sears account. After retiring, he returned to Whirlpool to work as a part-time employee on the hotline for appliance service questions. He also served as a union steward during his years at Whirlpool and was on the original board that founded the first employee credit union.

Walter joined the Masons in 1949. He was honored this past August with a 70-year service pin. He was very proud to be part of this wonderful organization of which he received his lifetime membership in 1989. Walter loved life, enjoyed his many friends he made over his lifetime, and cherished his family. He and his wife, Zula, looked forward to the band concerts on the bluff in St. Joseph every Sunday. He was the kind of person who believed in making the most out of each and every day.

Due to the COVID-19 circumstances, a small immediate family celebration will be held to honor his life. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Stevensville American Legion Post 568, 3093 Johnson Road, Stevensville, MI 49127. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services.

Vincent Marchel

Jan. 22, 1933 – April 27, 2020

Vincent Marchel, 87, of Stevensville, previously of Riverview, Mich., passed away on April 27, 2020, at home in the care of his family.

A private service will be held on May 1 at Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. A graveside service will take place on May 2 at Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock, Mich. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be given to the Marie Yeager Cancer Center, 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Vincent was born Jan. 22, 1933, in Wyandotte, Mich., the son of the late Victor and Stella Marchel. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Alice (Wright) Marchel. Vince retired from



McLouth Steel. He was a life-long member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and PRCU in Wyandotte. Vince also enjoyed spending time in the kitchen, creating traditional Polish food and baking for his family. He enjoyed dancing, especially polkas, with his favorite partner, wife Alice.

Survivors include his children, Stephen (Lori), Randall, Cynthia (Jeff) Onkka and Debra Lambrix; as well as nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Elsie Marchel. Vince was preceded in death by his siblings: Sophia Malinowski, Francis Konopka, Mary Sacka, Walter, Regina, Thaddeus, Sylvester and Cecilia Sacka, Jane DeChalk, Edwin and Genevieve; six brothers-in-law; and three sisters-in-law.

Death notices

Lois E. Anderson, 94, of Niles died April 26, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Barbara Baker, 80, of Watervliet died April 24, 2020, at The Willows, St. Joseph. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Shalonda Burger, 40, of Berrien Springs died April 26, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Betty Jean Burlingham, 77, of Bangor died April 24, 2020, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Bruce G. Burnett, 59, of Eau Claire died April 25, 2020, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Vanessa Gaston, 62, of Watervliet died April 26, 2020, at Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Walter C. Ignatovich, 93, of St. Joseph, formerly of Stevensville died April 25, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

John C. Kronos Jr., 94, of Stevensville died April 24, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Barbara Mae Lumley, 78, of Lawrence died April 23, 2020, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Vincent Marchel, 87, of Stevensville, previously of Riverview, Mich., died April 27, 2020, at home. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Patricia L. O'Handlon-Handshaw, 78, of Benton Harbor died April 24, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Patricia Irene (Stanley) Reynolds, 89, of Coloma died April 25, 2020, at home. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Willie "Jake" Scott, 97, of Benton Harbor, died April 26, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Edward A. Siemans, 88, of Stevensville died April 24, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Eleanor J. Smith, 74, of Benton Harbor, died April 9, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Ronald E. Taylor, 61, of Holland, Mich., died April 9, 2020, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Dulcie Anne Vincent, 99, of Bridgman died April 23, 2020, at Woodland Terrace, Bridgman. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Dulcie Anne Vincent

Feb. 15, 1921 – April 23, 2020

Dulcie Anne Vincent, 99, of Bridgman passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at Woodland Terrace in Bridgman.



Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Dulcie was born on Feb. 15, 1921, in Brisbane, Australia, to the late Bernard and Maude (Smith) Hough.

Dulcie worked for the Australian government in Canberra during World War II. On July 6, 1946, she married Howard Vincent, and soon thereafter they came to live in Michigan. Here she worked as a cosmetologist and as a personal assistant in the human resources department at William Beaumont Hospital. She was a volunteer in her church and for the Girl Scouts.

In retirement they moved to Florida, where they loved to golf, read and sing. After her husband, Howard, preceded

her in death in 2011, she moved back to Michigan in 2013 to be with family.

Dulcie is survived by her daughter, Sharon Dreese of Stevensville; grandchildren, Julie Marie (Derrick) Griffin, Michael Vincent (Christa) Dreese and Erin Elizabeth (Seth) Jaffe; and great-grandchildren, Jonah Griffin, Emerson Jaffe and Rylan Jaffe. She is also preceded in death by her brother, Bernard William Hough; and a sister, Iris Hough McKenna.

Private family services will be held. Memorial contributions can be made to either Caring Circle Hospice, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or to The Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207.

Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence can do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

John C. Kronos Jr.

Jan. 5, 1926 – April 24, 2020



John C. Kronos Jr., 94, of Stevensville passed away on Friday, April 24, 2020, at Cartel Inns of Lakeland.



A private family service will be held in Lincoln Township Cemetery, with a public celebration of life service to be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to Al-Anon in Stevensville.

Those wishing to leave an online condolence can do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

John was born on Jan. 5, 1926, in St. Joseph, to John Sr. and Martha (Bueack) Kronos. He grew up on his family's farm in Stevensville.

John enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943, and proudly served his country before he was honorably discharged. He returned to school and graduated from Stevensville High School in 1947. He then married

the love of his life, Arlene Marks, on June 17, 1950, in St. Joseph.

John worked as a welder for Whirlpool before his retirement. He was a proud member of the Stevensville American Legion, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Al-Anon Club of Stevensville. John enjoyed riding his BMW motorcycle, traveling and camping in his camper with his family.

John is survived by his daughters, Linda (Robert) Seaman of Breedsville, Mich., and Susan (James) Soteriou of Berrien Springs; grandchildren, Shane Soteriou and Kyle (Kaity) Soteriou; and great-grandchildren, Aiden Soteriou and Wyatt Soteriou.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene, on Aug. 19, 1997; his parents; and two sisters, Joan Pelkey and Mildred Peterson.

Bruce G. Burnett

Sept. 23, 1960 – April 25, 2020

Bruce G. Burnett, 59, of Eau Claire passed away on April 25, 2020, at his home.



Cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Those wishing to leave a message or share a memory with the family online may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Bruce was born Sept. 23, 1960, in St. Joseph, to Mearl and Nellie (Masters) Burnett. He worked as a commercial glass installer and also for his brother's company, Burnett's Tree Service, as a tree trimmer.

Bruce loved being outdoors hunting, fishing, BBQs with friends and family and cooking, and he was always out and about helping someone.

Bruce is survived by his sisters, June (Gerry) Wildeman Jr., Angie (Jim) Kirby and Cathy Roderick; father and stepmother, Mearl and Tracy Burnett; and many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Nellie Faye Struble, in 2008; and his brother, Dan Burnett in 2013.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Paw Paw native, Dr. Loretta Moore Long, “Susan” on Sesame Street for the past 27 years, visited classes at the preschool and Calvin-Britain Elementary, where she gave students some lessons in multiculturalism. They were more impressed by the fact that she knew “Big Bird” and “Cookie Monster.” PBS’s Sesame Street has won 52 Emmys – the most ever awarded any television show.

35 years ago – 1985

Dr. Noel Hershey of Niles, is among 69 physicians who graduated from medical school 50 years ago, and will be honored by the Michigan State Medical Society tomorrow in Southfield. Dr. Hershey said he has been a doctor for 51 years, having grad-

uated from the University of Illinois medical school in 1934. He completed an internship and residency in Cleveland, Ohio, and since then has practiced in Niles.

50 years ago – 1970

Another memory of South Haven’s pre-World War II tourist era faded early Sunday as the Karzen Resort on Baseline Road in Casco Township was destroyed by flames. The two-story frame structure had been vacant nearly 20 years and was the frequent victim of vandals. State Police from the South Haven post theorize the building was the victim of an arsonist.

Casco firemen received the alarm at 4:05 a.m. and the building was engulfed in flames when they arrived. The building was owned by the Karzen Transportation Co. of Chicago.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, April 28, the 119th day of 2020. There are 247 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 28, 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title after he refused to be inducted into the armed forces.

On this date:

In 1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the Constitution of the United States.

In 1789, there was a mutiny on the HMS Bounty as rebelling crew members of the British ship, led by Fletcher Christian, set the captain, William Bligh, and 18 others adrift in a launch in the South Pacific. (Bligh and most of the men with him reached Timor in

47 days.)

In 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

In 1958, the United States conducted the first of 35 nuclear test explosions in the Pacific Proving Ground as part of Operation Hardtack I. Vice President Richard Nixon and his wife, Pat, began a goodwill tour of Latin America that was marred by hostile mobs in Lima, Peru, and Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1967, U.S. Army Gen. William C. Westmoreland told Congress that “backed at home by resolve, confidence, patience, determination and continued support, we will prevail in Vietnam over communist aggression.”

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					
Showers Likely	Showers Likely	Showers Likely	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
61°	52°	53° / 43°	47° / 39°	52° / 42°	59° / 50°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 75% chance of showers, high temperature of 61°, humidity of 74%. South wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of showers, overnight low of 52°. Southeast wind 7 to 11 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise 6:44 a.m.
Sunset 8:42 p.m.
Moonrise 10:32 a.m.
Moonset 1:20 a.m.



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday	
Temperature	
High	66°
Low	35°
Normal High	64°
Normal Low	42°
Record High	76° in 2009
Record Low	28° in 2012
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	3.10"
Normal for month	3.05"
Year to date	9.99"
Normal Year to date	8.70"

Air Quality

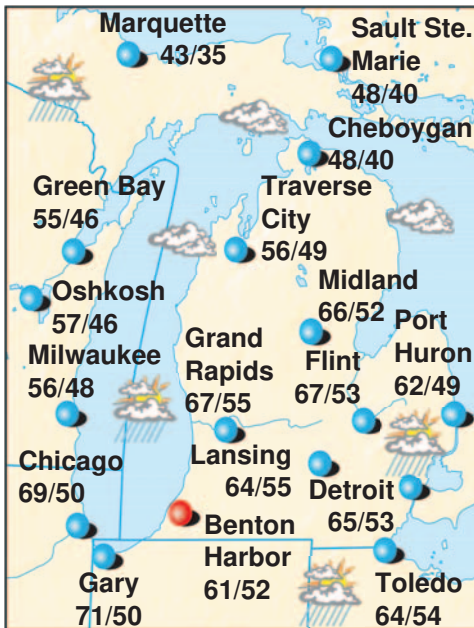
Yesterday 48
Main Offender Particles
The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.
0-50 Good
51-100 Moderate
101-150 Sensitive
151-200 Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

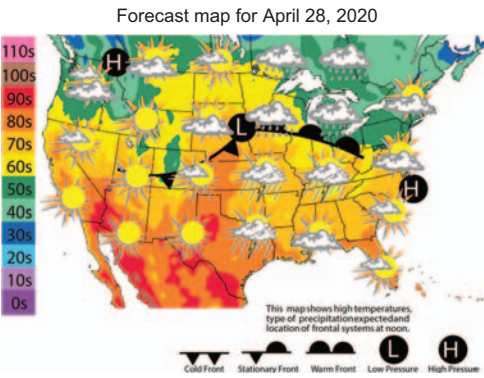
What is wind shear?



Regional Map



National Weather Map



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Lake Michigan

Today, Variable winds 5 kt or less. A chance of showers. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 43 degrees. Tonight, SE wind 12 to 14 kt. A chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. South wind 2 to 8 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. East northeast wind 14 to 18 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 60s. South wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. Southwest wind 8 mph.

SMITHERS

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discovered the Robare divorce record, domestic violence, the discovery of a man’s bloody hand print that no one had followed up on, and other things that convinced her that Fred Robare had committed the crime himself.

Lemon obtained court transcripts and records and contacted lawyers and judges to advise him on his quest.

He has written a book, “The Case That Shocked the Country: The Unquiet Deaths of Vida Robare and Alexander McClay Williams, the youngest person in Pennsylvania to die in the electric chair – for a crime he did not commit.”

Lemon, Dr. Keith Reeves, professor of political science at Swarthmore College and Jack Pokorny, a teaching assistant, are working on a podcast about the case.

Back in Michigan, Smithers is in the process of writing the story as historical fiction, “The Curse of the Robares.”

Smithers took time out to chat with Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Julie Swidwa.

What was the reaction of Alexander’s family when you apologized to them?

They were very open and forgiving. It was more emotional than I thought it would be.

Why are you writing your book as historical fiction?

I wanted to make it more about a case of domestic violence, which wasn’t talked about back then. I wanted to tell the story from Vida’s point of view, and that of Alexander, to the extent that I can.

Tell me about your choice of a title.

Our family always thought we were cursed. My dad died at age 26, and we have a lot of people

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I would say I’m very sorry that a weak member of my family would put him through that and destroy his life. All families have things in their past. It’s nothing to be proud of. Luckily I have other family members that did a better job.”

TERESA SMITHERS

who have died young. Men don’t live past the age of 60. I didn’t want my children growing up thinking they were cursed.

What made you suspect your relative had killed his wife?

As I researched it, I recognized it for what it was. I found their divorce decree and the grounds for divorce was listed as extreme cruelty. Two years later she returned to him. It’s not uncommon for domestic violence victims to return to an abuser. They had a young child and it’s hard to make it as a single mother. Even now it’s hard. Nine years after going back to him, she had a job and I suspect she was trying to end (the marriage) a second time.

This was very personal. A stranger doesn’t stab someone 47 times. And there was money and a gold watch left on the dresser. Alexander was a very poor boy, and he would have noticed those things.

What would you say to Alexander Williams today?

I would apologize to him. I would say I’m very sorry that a weak member of my family would put him through that and destroy his life. All families have things in their past. It’s nothing to be proud of. Luckily I have other family members that did a better job.

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Barbara Mae Lumley

June 13, 1941 – April 23, 2020



Barbara Mae Lumley, 78, of Lawrence passed away Thursday, April 23, 2020, at home.

Barbara was born June 13, 1941, in East Prairie, Mo., the daughter of Robert and Mary (Wallace) Griffin, both of whom precede her in passing.

Barbara is survived by her two children, Sheila Renfer and Alfred Renfer, both of Lawrence; five grandchildren, Raymond Renfer-Llorens, Aurora Mae Llorens, Destiney Renfer, Heather Renfer and Amy (Cameron) Reyes; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Patricia (Charles) Edwards of Lawrence; and a brother; Raymond (Lynn) Griffin of Watervliet.

Barbara spent most of her life in California, working as an apartment manager. She

also was a volunteer at the local hospital. Barbara was loved by everyone. In her spare time she enjoyed square dancing and playing with her Chihuahua puppies.

Due to the current situation, a private family visitation and service will be held on Tuesday, April 28, at Calvin Funeral Home in Hartford. Pastor Steven Bisbee of Hartford General Baptist Church will officiate.

Barbara will be laid to rest in Hill Cemetery in Lawrence Township following the service.

The family has asked that memorial donations be made to any humane society in Barbara’s name.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family can do so online at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Patricia Lynn O’Hanlon-Handshaw

Jan. 14, 1942 – April 24, 2020



Patricia Lynn O’Hanlon-Handshaw, 78, of Benton Harbor passed away on Friday, April 24, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Private cremation services have occurred. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Those wishing to leave a condolence for the family can do so online at www.starks-menclinger.com.

Patricia was born Jan. 14, 1942, in Gary, Ind., to Walter and Jane (Kunz) Erler.

She was a graduate of Riley High School, and went on to receive her bachelor’s degree in art from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Patricia proudly furthered her education and received a master’s degree in art from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

In 1963, she married John

O’Hanlon and lived in South Bend, Ind., doing business in the O’Hanlon Liquor Stores until 1982, when they divorced.

In 1983, she married Robert G. Handshaw, an accountant for Clark Equipment Co., and spent many happy years living on Lake Michigan near St. Joseph.

She worked part-time as a tour manager for Edgerton Travel in South Bend for about 20 years, taking tourist groups on overseas trips.

Patricia will be missed by her husband of 37 years, Robert Handshaw; her children, Tom (Ilka) Handshaw, Shari (Ken) Semonis, Susan (Alan) Selking and Jim (Angie) Handshaw; her 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and many aunts, uncles and extended family.

OBITUARIES

Idell Nichols

March 9, 1928 – April 23, 2020



Idell Nichols, 92, of Coloma went home to be with her Lord and Savior on April 23, 2020. Idell was a beloved wife, sister, mother and grandmother, and left this earth with loved ones at her side.

Idell Fredrick was born on March 9, 1928, in Russellville, Ala. In 1946 she and Donald Nichols married and later moved to Coloma to raise their family. Some of Idell’s most cherished moments in life were the days she spent with her children and grandchildren. Some of her favorite pastimes were baking Christmas cookies with her grandkids, weekly shopping trips with her daughter, Shelia, tending to her flower gardens and making homemade jam from fruit grown in the backyard. Idell was a devoted member of Midway Baptist Church in Watervliet, and enjoyed hosting weekly Sunday dinners after church with

her family. She was also a talented seamstress and enjoyed making beautiful one-of-a-kind quilts for her grandchildren.

Idell is survived by her husband of 73 years, Donald Nichols; her sister, Glenna (Jay) Johnson of Ashville, Ala.; children: Chana (Robin) Kniebes of Coloma, Donald Jr. (Ann) Nichols of Watervliet and Diann (Bill) Pudell of Bellingham, Wash.; son-in-law, Larry Darling of Hartford; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Shelia Darling; her three sisters; and two brothers.

Idell loved her family deeply and will be missed by all who knew her. A private burial service with family will take place in Harris Cemetery. Memories can be shared at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Ronald Edward Taylor

Nov. 26, 1958 – April 9, 2020

Ronald Edward Taylor, 61, of Holland, Mich., passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at his home.

Ronald was born on Nov. 26, 1958, in Abilene, Kan., the son of Clarence and Ona (Pritchard) Taylor, both of whom precede him in passing. On March 22, 1980, Ronald was united in marriage with Rebecca Bassett. He was formerly employed as a truck driver for Holland Special Delivery.

As to Ronald’s wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial celebra-

tion of life service to honor Ronald’s memory will be held when everyone can attend. Those wishing to make a memorial may do so to the family. Memorial condolences for the family can be left on our website at <http://www.calvin-leonardfh.com>.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Rebecca; four children: Trisha Taylor, April Taylor, Amanda Taylor and Priscilla Taylor; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many other family members and friends.

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SIEMANS

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when it came to working with his sons, who took after his profession after watching him open the various dealerships.

“Very few kids get to work with their dad. How many people get to say they can do that?” Eric said. “For me (becoming a salesman) it’s

been a process since I was in grade school. You witness how he talks to people and you learn from that. This is a small town and you have to take care of people otherwise you won’t be in business.”

Siemens’s daily routine often meant interacting with customers in the waiting room.

Eric said his father used his dry sense of humor to form

great relationships with his customers. The Siemens patriarch often celebrated his staff’s accomplishments, making it a point to walk through his service department every day.

For those who never met Siemens, his sense of humor was on display in many of his radio commercials. He would find something amusing to talk about and always ended with “thanks

for listening – bye.”

“He’ll be remembered for his sense of humor, his treatment of people, his family and his faith,” Eric said.

Siemens was recognized within the industry, as well.

He received the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award in 2006. He was also given the Northwood University Automotive Dealer Education Award in 2016.

At the time of his pass-

ing, Siemens was serving as a regional director for the Michigan Auto Dealers Association.

Eric said among the notable accomplishments and awards his father cherished is immortalized on a certificate and score card that Siemens had framed for his office.

About two decades ago, Siemens hit a hole-in-one at the Nairn Golf Club in

Scotland.

“He loved to golf,” Eric said. “He got a hole-in-one on one of the most prestigious courses in the world. It was a Par 3 and the green was in a blind shot. He knew where the pin was. Everyone on the patio erupted and he was wondering what they were cheering about.”

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hp LOCAL & STATE

SJ schools focusing on e-learning, graduation

Board grants superintendent executive control through executive order

By **TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — It's been a long seven weeks for St. Joseph Public School administrators, teachers and staff.

At Monday's virtual school board meeting — the first meeting since the state's stay-home order was implemented — Superintendent Thomas Bruce gave board members an update on the district's adjustments to the COVID-19 restrictions and its e-learning efforts.

Among the first issues Bruce addressed was the possibility of a graduation ceremony.

"A lot of people have been asking and the answer is yes, we are having graduation," Bruce said. "But I have no idea what it will look like. It comes down to the timing from our governor and the line graph in how we're doing. We're happy to see the curve flatten. I'm being hit with ideas every day about what we can do."

Bruce said the district's food services department has done a great job handling the influx of students seeking meals.

In the first week of the quarantine, less than 80 families were asking for food in March. Since then, the district has moved its location to the high school and extended its hours for food pickup. This past week, more than 240 students are being fed by the district.

The maintenance department spent \$20,000 on detailed cleaning to make sure classrooms are free of the coronavirus.

Since then, Bruce said the district's maintenance and custodial group are still keeping the building up to date.

"We are using the people the best we can," he said. From an e-learning perspective, the district has distributed 140 Google Chromebooks and introduced hot spots to those in need to complete school work. Bruce said the funding for those hot spots stems from a donation from

Whirlpool CEO Marc Bitzer.

"We are very lucky that our board and the (SJPS) Foundation supported us with the BYOD program," Bruce said. "When this whole thing happened, we had enough devices to hand out to students. We're very fortunate for the work we've done in the past."

Bruce thanked the district's technology team for the transition.

Curriculum Director Kelly Gaideski said professional development has been an ongoing asset among teachers.

"One of the things we've recently added is our teachers are posting their remote learning plans for review to ensure parents are engaging with students," she said.

Bruce said in the previous seven weeks, they've seen a

high percentage of students connecting with teachers and virtually engaging with others.

Through early data collection, Bruce said 91 percent of high school students, 88 percent from Upton Middle School students and 96 percent of elementary school students, are interacting with one another and teachers.

Bruce said the district is beyond redesigning its plans and is focused on making sure everyone is running the plan the way it's meant to.

"Now we are managing the plan and observing," he said. "No matter what happens this fall or summer, the data we're collecting now is going to be a treasure trove moving forward in the future."

After the review, the board adopted a resolution to grant

emergency powers to Bruce in an effort to comply with the state's executive order.

When Gov. Gretchen Whitmer closed schools with the order, Bruce said the district's policies concerning attendance, the school calendar and graduation requirements needed to be altered.

The policies were suspended as Bruce officially took over temporary emergency powers.

According to the resolution, the emergency powers will remain in effect through the duration of the executive order, or any extensions of it.

The next board meeting will be at 5:45 p.m. on May 11. It is unknown whether the meeting will be in person.

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SOLITARY STROLL



Don Campbell / HP staff

A woman and her dog have the trail to themselves Monday during a spring walk along the Howard Family Recreational Trail in St. Joseph.

SOUTH HAVEN

City's Fourth of July activities canceled

Another casualty of pandemic

By **BECKY KARK**
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Each year thousands of visitors come to South Haven over the Fourth of July holiday to enjoy a trio of crowd-pleasing, outdoor events — an art fair, parade and fireworks display.

But for the first time in recent memory, those events won't be taking place this summer. Like many outdoor events, the popular holiday outdoor activities have fallen victim to the coronavirus pandemic, and also, in the case of the fireworks, Lake Michigan's record-high water level.

Organizers of both the art fair and independence day parade announced Monday the cancellation of the two

events. That news comes on the heels of a decision city officials made six weeks ago to nix the Light up the Night fireworks display because Lake Michigan's waves are now continually crashing over the North Pier, where the pyrotechnics are ignited.

This year would have marked the 62nd anniversary of the art fair, which takes place each year at Stanley Johnston Park and is sponsored and organized by the South Haven Center for the Arts.

"In light of the global health crisis and social distancing guidelines that remain in place in the State of Michigan and many states throughout the U.S., safeguarding artists, members, volunteers, staff, sponsors and the public is first priority," Art Center Executive Director Kerry Hagy said.

Art center staff indicated they are working to put the

art fair online to showcase the artist's works, but details have not yet been finalized.

News of the latest summer outdoor event cancellations did not come as much of a surprise to Scott Reinert, executive director of the South Haven/Van Buren County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"This is the debate we've had even with events further out into the fall — even if they were held, will people feel safe attending?" Reinert said.

Just how much of an adverse effect the cancellation of the three holiday events will have on South Haven's summer tourism is debatable, according to Reinert. Although events like the fireworks display can attract upwards of 50,000 people, most visitors tend to be "day-trippers," or people from out of town who come for one event and leave, spending little if any money at downtown shops and restaurants.

town shops and restaurants.

"I think some visitors plan their stays around the events — but we also know we get a lot of day-trippers in, especially around the July 4th activities," Reinert said. "So in this unprecedented year, I don't think it (scrapping outdoor events) will have a big impact."

He is keeping his fingers crossed that despite the downturn in tourism so far this spring in South Haven — bookings at lodging establishments for April and May are estimated to drop 90 percent — summer months will shine brighter on South Haven's tourism industry.

"I think we are well-positioned for a rebound in summer travel as traveler sentiment research indicates many visitors will feel comfortable driving initially, and that our small-town environment, beaches and attractions are top on the list for urban dwellers," Reinert said.

ST. JOSEPH

City approves payment for more revetment work

By **LOUISE WREGE**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The Lake Michigan shoreline between the St. Joseph water plant and Silver Beach is one step closer to having continuous erosion protection from high water.

St. Joseph city commissioners Monday approved contracting with B&Z Company in Benton Harbor for \$135,000 to place a stone revetment along the Fourth Street right-of-way/Lions Park Beach area.

The request was made by Michael and Florence Larson, who live near Lions Park Drive.

The Larsons also requested that the city pay \$72,438 for temporary revetments they had put in place by B&Z last year and for design and attorney fees. That request was denied by city commissioners during their virtual meeting.

In January 2019, the Larsons informed the city that a large storm had eroded city property and was threatening their home, according to information from the city.

The Larsons' attorney, Shaun Willis of Kalamazoo,

told commissioners that at the time, the foundation of their home was exposed and something needed to be done immediately.

City Attorney Laurie Schmidt said the city does not have the legal duty to protect private property.

Once the revetment is put in at the end of "Fourth Street" — there is no actual street by that name in the city, it's just a parcel — the only section that is not protected is at the end of First Street and three properties to the south.

One of the homeowners, Tracy Ostrowski, said their homes are different because between them and Lake Michigan is a public road, Lake Lane, and a strip of public property.

She said the city should have some responsibility to pay for protecting Lake Lane.

Commissioners directed staff to continue to work with the property owners to come to an agreement on who should pay for what.

Commissioners cancelled the planned May 4 meeting and will next meet, virtually, on May 11.

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IN BRIEF

Tonight's BH school board meeting postponed

BENTON HARBOR — A special Benton Harbor school board meeting slated to be tonight has been postponed.

The meeting was announced last week. school board trustees were expected to vote on the BHAS Community Engagement Advisory Committee's proposal,

according to a news release from the school district.

Instead, meetings are being held today between school district officials and the state departments of education and treasury to discuss recommended changes from Benton Harbor Superintendent Andrae Townsel and his staff.

The advisory committee's proposal, along with the recommended changes, can be found on the school district's website at [www.bhas.org](#).

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOLS

Bi-annual Encore show postponed to 2021

Pandemic pushes talent show to August 2021

By **TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation and the Encore steering committee have announced that the bi-annual alumni variety show would be postponed a year, due to the ongoing pandemic.

Originally scheduled for this Aug. 14-15, Encore will now be held Aug. 13-14, 2021, at

the high school's John and Dede Howard Performing Arts Center.

"We never dreamed that we would be faced with this decision," said Dennis Bowen, Encore's creator and producer. "I ask you all to know that this is a postponement, rather than a cancellation. There simply wasn't enough time to prepare acts, create scenery and set production into motion for the quality show our community expects in Encore. We will do it right, but not in 2020."

Encore operates as a fundraising production for the SJPS Foundation, featuring St. Joseph alumni who return

home to share talents that were first displayed in the longest running high school variety show in Michigan — "Showtime."

Since the first Encore production in 2014, alumni from across the U.S. and foreign countries have made a bi-annual return to their hometown to display their talents and raise money for the betterment of the district.

The productions have raised more than \$300,000 for the SJPS Foundation, which serves as the academic booster club for the district by providing grants and funding to the district.

"These difficult and uncertain times have caused a number of events to be postponed or cancelled including Encore," said SJPS Foundation President Sam Abdelnour. "I would like to thank everyone involved including the great alumni performers for their hard work and dedication that makes us all so proud to be part of the rich history of St. Joseph schools. Your support has been outstanding and we look forward to seeing you in 2021."

Audition tapes submitted for Encore 2020 will be held for the 2021 show. The deadline to submit additional audition



Photo provided / Ken McKeown

The Encore variety show that is held every other year has been postponed until next year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its restrictions.

tapes will be extended.

Bowen said graduates who want to submit audition tapes should "keep working, because we're going to make the delayed production better than ever."

For more information about Encore, visit [www.sjhsencore.org](#) or contact Bowen at [dennisbowen230@gmail.com](#).

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To apply for a dollar-for-dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at TheHP.com. Click on the “Site Forms” link at the bottom of the home page, then click on the “Advertising Match Program” link. Or enter this url into your web browser: bit.ly/2wZek6q

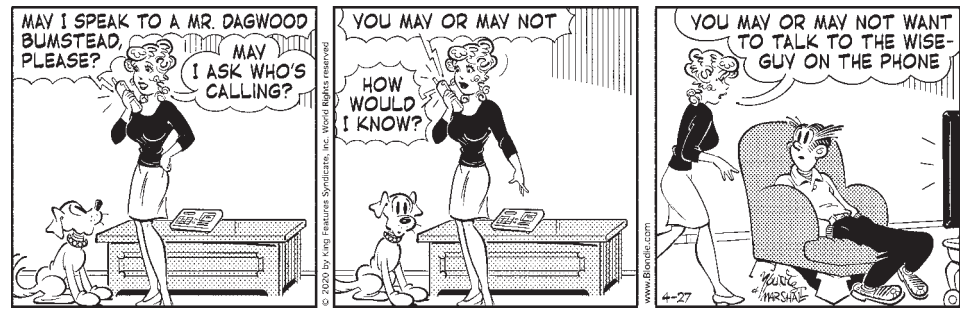
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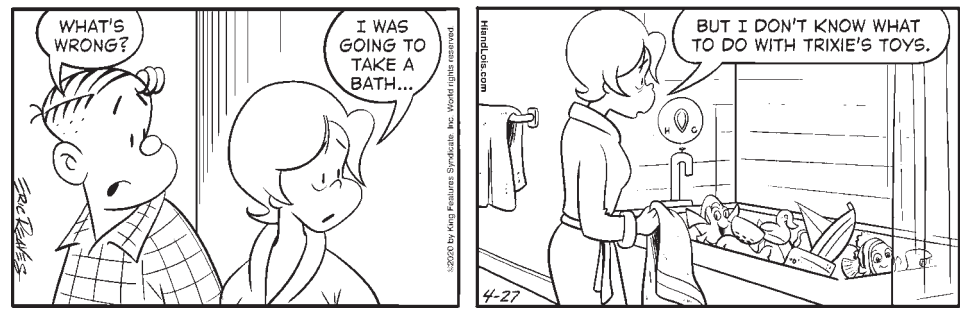
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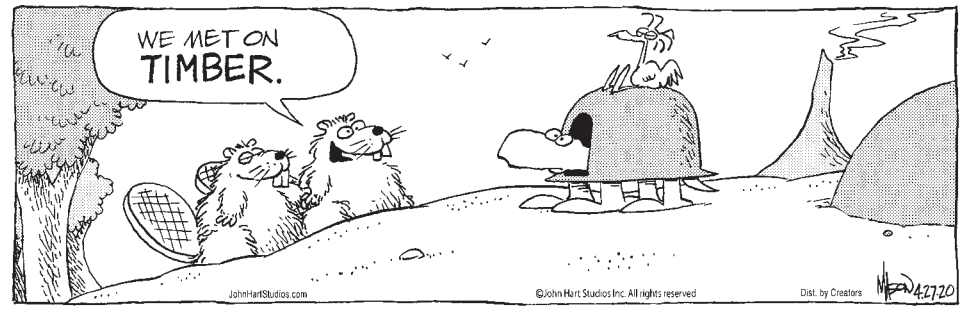
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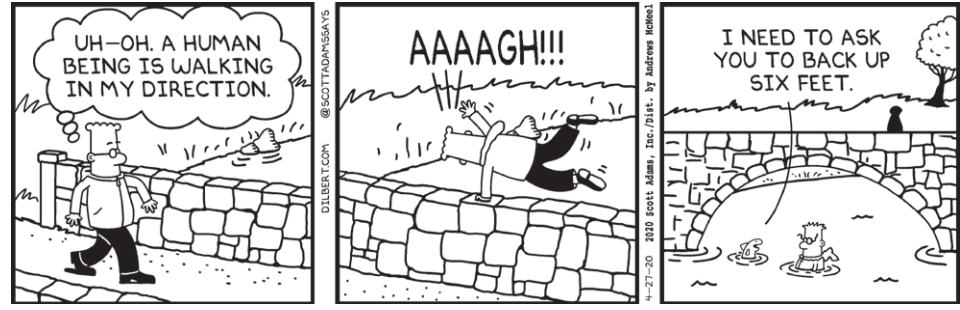
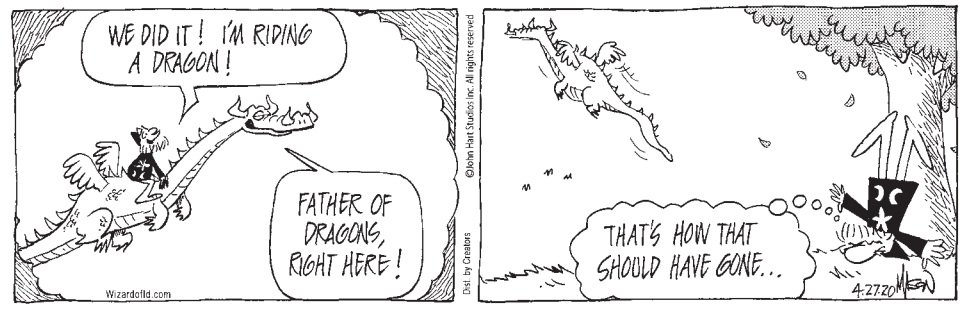
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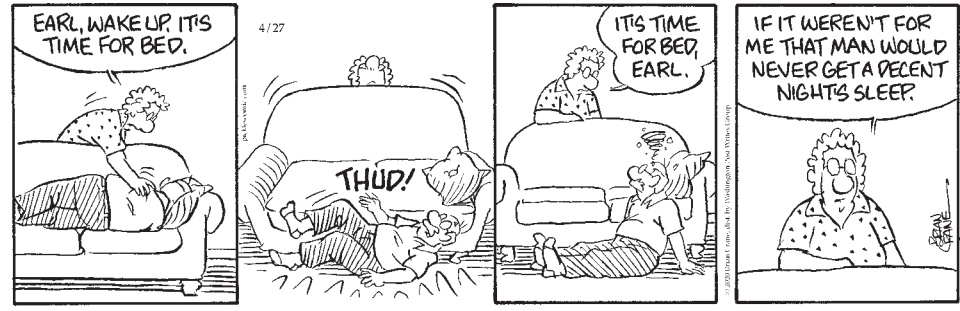
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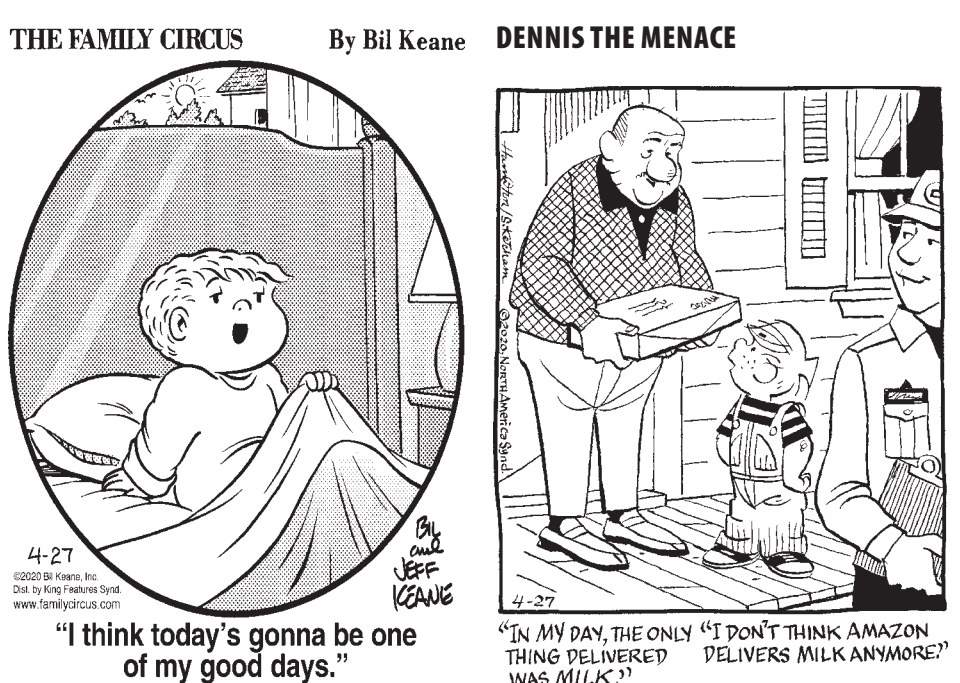
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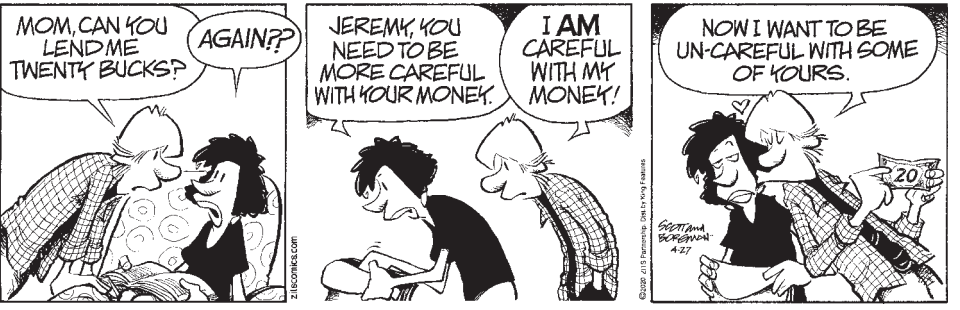
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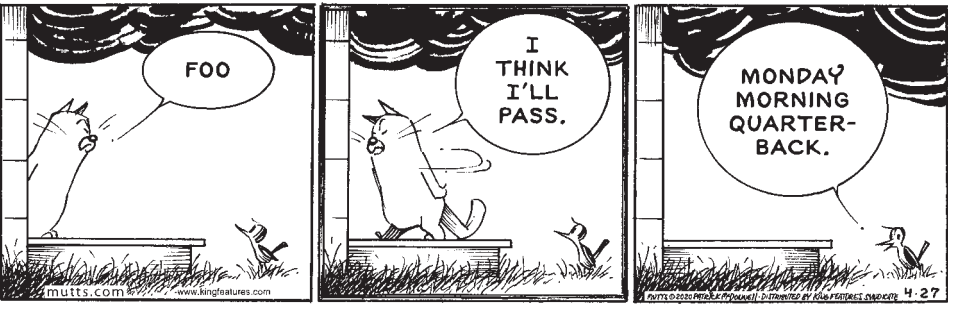
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Court: Insurers can collect \$12B under health care law

By **MARK SHERMAN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that insurance companies can collect \$12 billion from the federal government to cover their losses in the early years of the health care law championed by President

Barack Obama. Insurers are entitled to the money under a provision of the “Obamacare” health law that promised the companies a financial cushion for losses they might incur by selling coverage to people in the marketplaces created by the health care law, the justices said by an 8-1 vote.

The program only lasted three years, but Congress inserted a provision in the Health and Human Services Department’s spending bills from 2015 to 2017 to limit payments under the “risk corridors” program. Both the Obama and Trump administrations had argued that the provision means the govern-

ment has no obligation to pay. But Justice Sonia Sotomayor said in her opinion for the court that the congressional action was not sufficient to repeal the government’s commitment to pay. “These holdings reflect a principle as old as the Nation itself: The Government should honor its obligations,” Sotomayor wrote.

In dissent, Justice Samuel Alito wrote that the court’s decision “has the effect of providing a massive bailout for insurance companies that took a calculated risk and lost. These companies chose to participate in an Affordable Care Act program that they thought would be profitable.”

The companies, which sold insurance in Alaska, Illinois, Maine, North Carolina, Oregon and Washington, cite HHS statistics to claim they are owed \$12 billion. The case is separate from a challenge to the health care law that the court has agreed to hear in its term that begins in October.

Health officials ready new guidelines as restrictions ease

By **KEVIN FREKING**
and **MIKE STOBBE**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Businesses should close break rooms. Restaurants should consider disposable menus and plates. Schools should have students eat lunch in their classrooms. These are some of the recommendations offered in new federal plans designed to help restaurants, schools, churches and businesses safely reopen as states look to gradually lift their coronavirus restrictions.

The draft guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been sent to Washington but still could be revised before the Trump administration unveils it to the public. The recommendations were obtained from a federal official who was not authorized to release them publicly. The CDC put together so-called “decision trees” for at least seven types of organizations: schools, camps, childcare centers, religious facilities, mass transit systems, workplaces, and bars/restaurants.

White House officials previously released a three-phase reopening plan for the nation that mentioned schools and other organizations that come back online at different points. But it hadn’t previously offered more specific how-to guidelines for each kind of entity.

The new guidance still amounts to little more than advice. State and local officials will be the ones to adopt and enforce them. Some state and local governments have already put rules in place for businesses that are operating. For example, Michigan requires businesses to limit how many customers can be in a store at one time.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Sunday said that each business that wants to reopen will have to submit a plan to the state on how to do that.

The new guidance could give state officials cover if their requirements for businesses are challenged in the courts, said Lindsay Wiley, an American University public health law expert.

“It allows the state to say ‘well the CDC said to do it this way,’ and the judge then is very happy to say ‘well yes you consulted CDC and that’s the appropriate body,’ and then uphold the restric-



President Donald Trump listen during a briefing about the coronavirus on April 22.

tions and say they’re appropriately evidence based.” Some examples from the guidance:

■ In the initial reopening phases, schools should space desks six feet apart, nix any field trips and school assemblies, and have students eat lunch in their classrooms instead of the cafeteria.

■ Churches should hold services through video streaming or at drive-in or outdoor venues as much as possible. They should also encourage everyone to wear cloth face masks, use a stationary collection box, and schedule extra services if necessary to make sure church pews are not packed and congregants stay at least six feet from each other.

■ Restaurants should consider using throwaway menus, single-service condiments, and disposable forks, knives, spoons, and dishes. They should install sneeze guards at cash registers, limit the number of employees on a shift, and avoid having buffets, salad bars, and drink stations.

The guidance for religious groups includes providing congregants spiritual and emotional care “on a flexible or virtual basis or refer them to other available resources.”

Allen Fagin, executive vice president of the Orthodox Union, said that as much as worship in synagogues is “one of the most fundamental aspects of Jewish life,” his faith also believes that “the sanctity of life is more important than any other aspect of observance.”

Application of any guidelines are likely to have significant regional and demographic variation, Fagin added. “There’s going to have to be a great

deal of both training and soul-searching in particular communities to make certain the guidelines are understood and will in fact be adhered to, to the letter,” he said.

Various trade groups have also started coming out with their own recommendations. For example, the National Restaurant Association last week put out guidance to restaurants considering reopening. The association said restaurants should clean and sanitize reusable menus, while the CDC suggests using disposable menus. And the CDC recommends that employees use cloth masks when interacting with customers, but the association doesn’t. But some guidance is similar. The association and the CDC both recommend seating dining parties at least 6 feet apart.

Many companies, especially those with strong remote work capabilities, are already drawing up plans that go beyond the CDC’s guidelines, said Bhushan Sethi, global people and organization leader at PwC, a consulting firm. He said many companies are considering keeping their employees working from home well after authorities lift stay-at-home orders.

“It’s a bare minimum compared to the playbook that many firms are putting in place,” Sethi said of the CDC guidelines on workplaces. “Firms are acknowledging that people are going to be fearful.”

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Firefighters, police join huge birthday parade for young boy

By **LUIS ANDRES HENAO**
and **JESSIE WARDARSKI**
Associated Press

Jessiah Lee smiled and watched the parade. His parade.

A fire truck blared its sirens. Police cruisers flashed their lights. Dozens of families in cars decorated with balloons honked horns, raised handmade signs and yelled: “Happy Birthday, Jessiah!”

None of them knew this 6-year-old boy, but they were all there for him on his special day. The surprise drive-by birthday party in an Arlington, Virginia, neighborhood was organized on social media by Ashley Johnson, an accountant who met him while volunteering at a homeless shelter in Washington, D.C., four years ago.

The relationship did not end after the shelter closed, and Jessiah’s family found a home. Johnson took Jessiah to museums, parks and on a trip to New York City for the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade. This year, she wanted to throw him a Lego-themed party – but then, COVID-19 intervened.

“Birthdays are such a big thing at any age,” Johnson said. “It’s such a celebration, life is so fragile, and so I felt I couldn’t accept the defeat of ‘we’ll do nothing.’”

Her idea was inspired by



A birthday sign and a cluster of balloons hang on a car window ready for an impromptu, surprise birthday parade for 6-year-old Jessiah Lee, in Arlington, Va. on April 10.

drive-by birthday celebrations that have brought joy to children and adults across the U.S. during the quarantine. She wanted something similar for Jessiah. But bigger.

Recalling his love of firetrucks, she passed by a fire station and asked for help. No response.

Then the day before the day she had planned for Jessiah’s party, the phone rang. A firefighter on the other line – Johnson calls him her angel – asked if his station could join the parade.

She had 24 hours to plan, so she went on Nextdoor, the neighborhood social media site, and asked other people to join.

That night, she blew up balloons, prepared signs

and made decorations. She barely slept.

The next day, she took Jessiah to fly a kite, just in case no one showed up. Then, at 5:29 p.m., the fire truck, police cruisers and dozens of cars turned the a corner. Some neighbors shook pom poms; others offered gifts, all from a safe distance.

“E-veryyyybody came!” Jessiah said.

His mother, Melissa Jones, was moved to tears.

“It really just touched my soul,” the single mother of six said in a video conference.

“It goes to show the kindness that’s still in people’s hearts as far as just making that day happy for him, making that day memorable for him.”



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mism and make the most out of
every opportunity that comes
your way. Engage in talks that
will lead to a healthy lifestyle.
Don't limit yourself or give up on
your goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Offer help and show compassion.
Patience and tolerance may not
come easy right now, but they
will be necessary if you want
others to reciprocate. Choose to
bring about positive change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Information will be offered, but
deciphering what's fact and
what's false will be difficult.
Pause at the first sign of instabil-
ity or uncertainty to avoid being
put in a vulnerable position.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Share your thoughts and be open
to constructive suggestions.
Work alongside people with more
experience than you or those
who have different skills and
knowledge, and you'll make
progress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Don't feel that you must make a de-
cision or take sides if a dispute
breaks out among friends or col-
leagues. Concentrate on your
achievements and on doing your
best, not on what others are
doing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Jump in and get things up and
running. You'll have plenty of
ideas, and you'll attract a lot of
attention. An open mind and a
practical approach will lead to

victory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Speed things up. Your aim should
be to complete what you start
and then move on to pastimes
geared toward self-improvement
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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Your insight and imagination will
pay off. Fine-tune whatever you
are working on before you pre-
sent it to others, or you will face
criticism from someone jealous
and vindictive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Take action and finish what
you start. Don't trust someone
else with your responsibilities. Be
open and honest with a loved
one. Don't act on hearsay when
you can get the facts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A personal adjustment will be
helpful. The more you do to keep
the peace and ensure that you
and your family are comfortable,
the less stress or conflict you'll
endure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Keep moving toward your goal
and spend as little time as pos-
sible laboring over what others
do, say or want. Personal
improvement will lift your spirits
and boost your confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Make a positive change to the
way you handle or earn your
money. Don't limit what you can
do because you are afraid to use
your skills in a new way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Strive to reach a position that
gives you the freedom to make
yourself happy. A simple lifestyle
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Twin Cities Area Transportation Auth is requesting a total of \$2,669,980.00
through the following funding

PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT
5307	Operating for 10/01/2020 to 9/30/2021	\$1,921,480.00
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program	Purchase three (3) buses to replace (3) buses that have met their requirement of their useful life	\$362,500.00
Job Access Reverse Commute	Provide extended service on Line Hauls and an additional commuter route to Stevensville, MI Providing service for low income passengers in Benton Harbor, Michigan to jobs located in Stevensville	\$386,000.00
New Freedom Grant (Mobility Manager)	Provide transportation assistance for Seniors, Disable and low income passengers	\$75,000.00

Twin Cities Area Transportation Auth ensures that the level and quality of
transportation service is provided without regard to race, color, or national
origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more in-
formation regarding our Title VI obligations or to file a complaint, please con-
tact us at the address given below.

The proposed application is on file at Twin Cities Area Transportation Auth,
275 East Wall, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 and may be reviewed dur-
ing a 30-day period May 4, 2020 to June 4, 2020, between the hours of
8:00am to 5:00pm. Written comments regarding the application and/or writ-
ten requests for a public hearing to review the application must be received
by June 5, 2020. If a hearing is requested, notice of the scheduled date,
time, and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be sent to: Twin Cities Area Transportation Auth, 275
East Wall, Benton Harbor, Michigan, 49022, or via email to pgillespie@tcatabus.org.